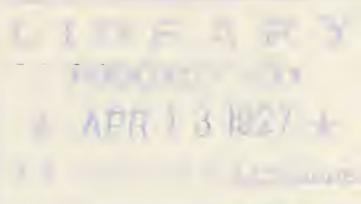


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*DAHLIA DALE*

*DAHLIAS*

*GLADIOLI*

*CANNAS*

*1927*



**MRS. EDNA SPENCER**

# *To Our Friends and Patrons*

We thank you most sincerely for your favors and kind words of appreciation of our efforts to serve you. We solicit a continuance of the same and assure you of our continued endeavor to merit your orders.

GUY R. HEACOCK.

## **TERMS OF SALE**

All orders are delivered prepaid.

Cash with order or in advance of shipment.

We guarantee all tubers to be true to name and in perfect growing condition.

All tubers will be sent out during April unless otherwise agreed.

If any error is made in your order, please notify us at once and we will correct it.

We do not substitute unless directed to do so.

Cultural directions will be inclosed with each shipment.

We always like to hear from our customers as to their success or failure with Dahlias and we are never so busy but what we can answer all inquiries regarding this wonderful flower.

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*MABLE THATCHER*

# AN AMERICAN FLOWER

Being a native of the high lands of Mexico where the seasons are long, but cool, the Dahlia will do its best in a similar climate. While the season in the Colorado mountains is not so long, the cool nights and sunny days with the aid of artificial watering seems to bring the Dahlia to perfect development. It is a plant that adapts itself to any climate or soil, but during the hotter days of summer in some parts of the country it refuses to bloom. If given plenty of water and the soil kept well cultivated a reward of an abundance of blossoms will be the result in the later and cooler months.

In the following list of Dahlias may be found these types:

**Show**— The old fashioned Dahlia which produces a ball-shaped bloom, large and well formed with quilled petals. Usually solid colors, but they may have petals shaded at the tips. See "Acquisition."

**Decorative**— This type is shown in the large loosely arranged flowers, with nearly flat petals. A specimen of this type is "Delice."

**Peony-Flowered**— The peony-flowered and decorative varieties are very similar. The first usually has twisted petals and should always show a yellow center. See "Fantastique."

**Cactus**— One of the most popular types—owing to its twisted and pointed petals. This is the class that most resembles the chrysanthemum. "Mrs. Edna Spencer" shown on the inside cover page is an ideal cactus Dahlia.

## *Visit Our Peony Garden*

We want to extend to all our friends and patrons a cordial invitation to visit our Peony Garden during the month of June, when the flowers are in bloom. We have a choice collection of 1,200 peonies of which we are justly proud.

All flowers for sale at \$1.00 per dozen. You make your own selection.

# SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

We are arranging these collections for the benefit of those who are not familiar with the different varieties of dahlias and they are specially assorted for color and type, at reduced prices. Descriptions of these dahlias will be found in this catalog. Any of these collections would make a fine gift for a friend or relative who is a lover of flowers.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION NO. 1

### 12 TUBERS FOR \$7.50

Daddy Butler

Blue Bird

Glory of New Haven

King of Shows

Mabel Thatcher

Mrs. Salbach

John Alden

Tommy Atkins

Washington City

Jessie Seal

Mariposa

Charm

## SPECIAL COLLECTION NO. 2

### 12 TUBERS FOR \$5.00

Mrs. Warnaar

Sweetheart's Bouquet

Beloit

Frau Scheiff

Patrick O'Mara

George Walters

Carmencita

The Doctor

Shower of Gold

Mrs. Carl Salbach

Osaka Geisha

Millionaire

## SPECIAL COLLECTION NO. 3

### 12 TUBERS FOR \$3.00

Mabel

Chicota

Pearl Ruggles

Laura Barnes

Le Grande Manitou

Sweetheart's Bouquet

The Doctor

Mabel Thatcher

Oregon Beauty

Ora Dow

Frau Scheiff

Glory of New Haven

## SPECIAL COLLECTION NO. 4

## 12 TUBERS FOR \$2.50

Mrs. Carl Salbach	Le Grande Manitou
Lucy Davis	Delice
Pride of California	Acquisition
Chicota	Virginia
Montezuma	Mrs. Estes
Laura Barnes	Le Grande Manitou

## SPECIAL COLLECTION NO. 5

## 8 TUBERS FOR \$5.00

Jessie Seal	Daddy Butler
Mrs. I de Vere Warner	Carmencita
Washington City	Meyerbeer
Charm	George Walters

## SPECIAL COLLECTION NO. 6

## 6 TUBERS FOR \$3.00

D. M. Moore	Mrs. Estes
Andy Gump	Lucy Davis
Bud Fisher	Sweetheart's Bouquet

## SPECIAL COLLECTION NO. 7

## 6 TUBERS FOR \$1.50

Mrs. Warnaar	Sunbeam
George W. Gero	Oregon Beauty
Le Grande Manitou	Mabel Thatcher

## LIST OF DAHLIAS

**Acquisition**— (Show)—A large, nicely shaped flower of an unusual color—rich, royal, deep mauve. The stem is long and strong and the blooms are held well up above the plant which is strong and thrifty. Price..... **25c**

**Alec**— (Pompom)—A strong growing pompom, producing an abundance of little flowers on good stems. The color is cerise tipped white and the plant is always a prolific bloomer. This is the only pompom we are offering this season. Each ..... **25c**

**Andy Gump**— (Decorative)—A very bright color of red, with extremely long stems. One of the best reds for cutting on account of its strong stem and good keeping qualities. A thrifty plant and good root producer. Each ..... **\$1.00**

**Blue Bird**— (Peony-flowered)—Color is of the deepest tone of mauve, or lilac, which in certain lights has a bluish sheen. A simply huge blossom held on stems long and stiff as bamboo. The bushes are always laden with blossoms—one of the most striking dahlias in the garden. Each... **75c**

**Bud Fisher**— (Decorative)—One of the most desirable dahlias of the autumn shades. A strong and sturdy plant. Always loaded with large bronze blossoms. Each ..... **50c**

**Carmencita**— (Decorative)—One of Bessie Boston's California wonders. She says of it: "The most graceful and beautiful of the new decoratives. The yellow blossom is regularly striped red. The plant is a dwarf grower but forms a fine compact bush which is a mass of flowers all season. The formation of the enormous flower is uncommon and graceful. The stems are all to be desired and no blossom will last longer when cut. This dahlia attracts more attention than any other in our garden on account of its peculiar markings. Each..... **75c**

**Cerise**— (Peony-flowered—Irresistible because of stem, color and keeping qualities. A deep cerise bloom which grows right at the top of an exceedingly long stem. The flower is large and the plant grows to good height..... **75c**

**Charm**— One of the most attractive dahlias we grow and one of the hardest to describe. The flowers are large and the plant strong. The blossom is heavy, held up and out of the foliage. It is a riot of color, burnt orange and yellow suffused with pink. One of the very best. Each..... **\$1.00**

**Cream King**— (Decorative)—This is usually classed a peony, but with us a very large percentage of the blooms come perfect decorative. The color is as the name indicates, a soft cream. It is of immense size, blooms freely, and is supported by the best of stems..... **75c**



**CHICOTA**

**Chicota**—(Decorative)—An ideal golden yellow of large size and exceptionally long stems which hold the flower well above the foliage. Flower perfect in form and clear in its rich golden yellow. Fine. See illustration above. Each..... **50c**

**Daddy Butler**—(Cactus)—A Bessie Boston creation of which she says: "This is a large hybrid cactus of the truest form for exhibition. The many petals are perfectly rolled. Its bewildering color makes it distinctive among hundreds of varieties. It has the appearance of a variegated bloom but is not. The color is of the American Beauty rose shades, or rosy carmine. The reverse of the petals is a lighter tint, giving a variation of color. We know of no other Dahlia like it. Stem perfect and we never grew a Dahlia which was a heavier producer of blossoms from the start to the finish of the season." Price..... **\$1.00**



**Frau Scheiff—**

(Peony-flowered) — One of the most admired of the newer decoratives. The color is a bright, lively chamois with a faint suggestion of orange suffusion. Petal arrangement is quite distinct, often showing the coppery orange of the reverse by their peculiar twisting.

Price . . . . . **50c**

**F. W. Craig—**

(Decorative) — Very large, clear lemon yellow, without shading. Early and free bloomer....

**75c**

**Geisha—** (Peony-flowered)

—The showiest and most attractive of this type yet introduced. Petals very long, curved and twisted. A rich combination of scarlet and gold, shaded to amber yellow. A queen among Dahlias. Ea...

**75c**

**George Walters—**

(Hybrid Cactus)—Silver medal prize winner. Pinkish salmon suffused with gold in the center. This is one of the best and largest varieties of its type. A wonderful bloomer on long stems strong enough to hold up the large flower. Each.....

**75c**

**Gen. Rosalie Jones—**

most large cactus Dahlias. The stems are straight and stiff and of good length. An exceptionally good keeper. See illustration on this page. Price.....

**25c**

**Geo. W. Gero—**

(Show)—A seeding of the popular Grand Duke Alexis, which it resembles closely in form, only the flower is a little more densely quilled. A rank, healthy grower, producing a wealth of large perfectly formed flowers on long stems. Color, clear rich pink. Each.....

**25c**



**GEN. ROSALIE JONES**

(Cactus)—The flowers are a most beautiful pure yellow, always come perfect and are very full petaled and more refined than

the stems are straight and stiff and of good

length. An exceptionally good keeper. See illustration on

**25c**

**Glory of New Haven—**

(Decorative)—In this we have a massive flower on a long, strong stem. It is a clear light lavender a little deeper in color than "Millionaire" and much better for cutting. For exhibition purposes it will not equal "Millionaire," but for all other purposes we prefer it. Price..... **75c**

**Glory of Nijkerk—**

(Peony-flowered)—Extra large flowers of a beautiful cerise shade of purple violet; a wonder; attractive, deep spreading flower; fine stems and beautiful cut foliage. A recent introduction. Price .....

**25c****Golden Bedder—**

(Decorative)—This is Burbank's "Golden West," but generally is sold under the name listed here. It is pure canary yellow, petals cleft at tips and has a good stem. A free bloomer. Each..... **25c**

**Golden West—**

(Cactus)—A wonderful California Dahlia, free blooming on long stems. This, with its good keeping qualities, makes it an excellent cut flower variety. In color it is a golden yellow, and in form and size all that can be desired. Tubers, each..... **50c**

**Isa—**

(Peony-flowered)—Light fawn pink, changing with age to amber yellow. A free and constant bloomer. Stems very long and wiry. Very attractive for evening decoration. Each .....

**25c****GEISHA****Judge Marean—**

(Decorative)—This wonderful big flower is borne on fine, upright stems. The color is salmon pink, yellow and red in such combination as to give an iridescent effect. Each..... **\$1.00**

**Kitty Dunlap—**

(Decorative)—This wonderful variety is one of the most popular to date and should be in every collection. In color it is a delightful shade of amaranth pink shaded purple; the flowers are produced on long stems, measure 8 inches in diameter and full to the center. Each .....

**\$1.00****Jessie Seal—**

(Peony - flowered)—A unique color in the dahlia family, clear old rose. A pleasing and popular shade. Flowers very large and of ideal peony form. Stems often 2 feet in length, yet strong and erect. No better general purpose dahlia grown. Each..... **\$1.00**

**John Alden**— (Decorative)—Royal purple, the best of its color, splendid for exhibition and cutting. Price ..... **\$1.25**

**King of Autumn**— (Decorative)—One of the best Dahlias of the autumn shades. A wonderful bloomer with nicely formed flowers on long stems. While the blossoms are not large, it is one of the most popular Dahlias we grow and its flowers are always in demand. Tubers, each.... **50c**

**King of Shows**— (Show)—Deep butter yellow of a solid color throughout. Every petal is most perfectly quilled and uniquely formed. A mammoth flower, on long stems. It is without doubt the finest Show Dahlia ever grown and should be seen to be appreciated. Price..... **\$1.00**

**La Favorita**— (Cactus)—A beautiful brilliant salmon; shading from a dark reddish salmon in the center to salmon-pink at the twisted points. Form perfect, showing a full center even late in the season. Each bloom carried on a strong stem. A first-class cut flower variety. Price..... **\$1.00**

**Laura Barnes**— (Peony-flowered)—One of the grandest peony Dahlias ever introduced. The immense orange-red flowers are pleasing to all. It is today one of the most popular Dahlias of recent introduction. Each.... **25c**

**Le Grande Manitou**— (Decorative)—Ground color, pale pink, striped, spotted, blotched with deep reddish violet. Borne on stout, stiff stems. Sometimes the flowers come in a solid color which is a beautiful deep violet. If you do not grow this wonderful Dahlia now you should secure it at once. Each... **25c**

**La Toreador**—

(Decorative)—A true type of crimson color; the finest of its color so far produced. It is a very free bloomer having strong wiry stems. Each..... **\$1.50**

**Lucy Davis**—

(Decorative) — The flowers are large, the form is that of the perfect decorative type. Stems are long, often 18 inches, yet strong and wiry. The plant is a strong, robust grower and a prolific root maker. Color rich golden apricot, clear and without shading. A color pleasing in both day and evening light. Each ..... **\$1.00**





*Mariposa*

**Mariposa—**

(Cactus)—The picture does not do justice to the flower. A perfectly formed hybrid type composed of long, narrow incurved petals which twist and curl so they baffle a photographer. A delightful shade of true pink which is intensified by a deeper colored center. A faint violet suffusion adds to the effect. The veining of the petals heightens the beauty and increases the novelty of the coloring. An absolutely firm, long, stiff stem. A center which is regular and perfect throughout the season. Blooms early and keeps full of flowers the entire fall

**\$2.00**

**Mabel Thatcher—**

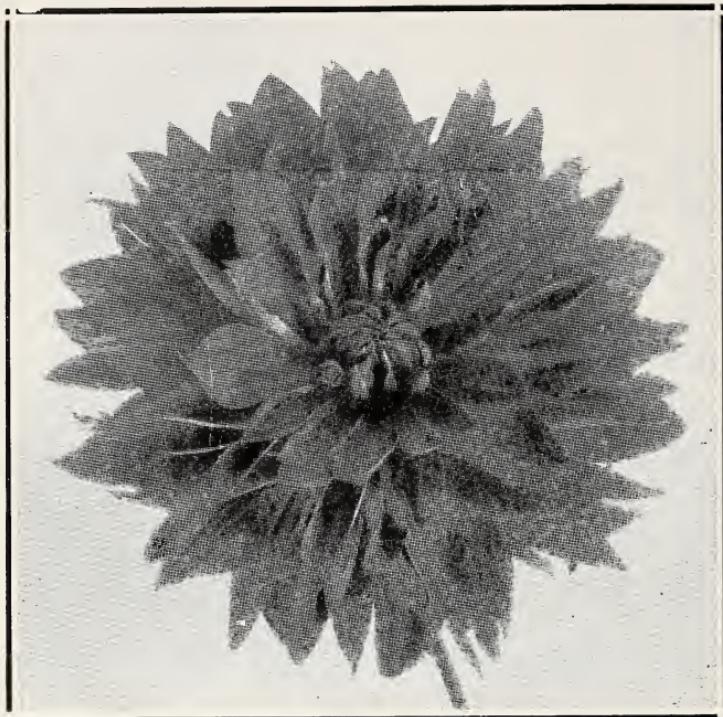
(Decorative)—In this variety we have found the ideal yellow Dahlia. The plant is thrifty and robust producing an abundance of large well-formed flowers of great substance on long stems. See illustration on page 2. Price, strong bulbs, each.....

**\$1.00**

**FANTASTIQUE**

**Mabel**— (Decorative)—A clear lavender flower of medium size. Stems are good and the strong plant produces an abundance of bloom. This is one of the best medium priced ..... **25c**

**Meyerbeer**— (Peony-flowered)—A Dahlia where the demand is always greater than the supply. Everybody who sees it wants it. It is an immense bloom of a fascinating purple and grows on rigid stems. The formation is unexcelled and it blooms freely all season. Plants grow from five to six feet high and the big, loose flowers are held well above in long stems. The best of the famous French Peony-flowered varieties. Price, each ..... **75c**



**MINA BURGLE**

**Mina Burgle—**

(Decorative)—Another California beauty that is a champion variety. It produces flowers of gigantic size and remarkable beauty—a glowing and brilliant scarlet. The flowers are of perfect decorative type and borne on long and wiry stems well above the foliage. This Dahlia is very prettily formed and is one of the best red for cut flowers. Notice in illustration above the shape of the petals and their arrangement. Price.. **25c**

**Mrs. I. deVere Warner—**

(Decorative)—Large, perfect flowers of charming color. A deep mauve-pink on stout stems. A good grower and free bloomer. This is extra good. Many grow 9½ inches in diameter. Each..... **\$1.00**

**Montezuma—**

A free-blooming decorative of an unusual color. Bright orange, flecked with gold. We can recommend this to anyone wanting a good orange-colored blossom. Each..... **25c**

**Mrs. Carl Salbach—**

(Decorative)—This is the perfect cut flower variety. It has the color, the stem and the keeping qualities. Mauve pink shading to white, on stems sometimes two feet long, and of substance so good it is one of the best keepers. Bulbs, each.....

**50c****Mrs. Edna Spencer—**

(Cactus)—An exceptionally delicate shade of lavender or orchid pink. A wonderful flower of free blooming qualities. This is the dahlia you want if you are looking for one that resembles the chrysanthemum. See illustration on inside of front cover.....

**50c****Mrs. W. E. Estes—**

(Cactus)—A very fine, new, snowy white dahlia. Broad and long pointed petals, forming a flower of great size.....

**75c**

**Mrs. Warnaar**— (Peony-flowered)—A Holland Dahlia, creamy white and tinted delicate pink. This Dahlia always shows the yellow center but has cactus petals. It has a long strong stem and when given proper care will produce exquisite flowers in abundance. Price..... **75c**

**Ora Dow**— (Decorative)—A beautiful velvety maroon, effectively tipped white. This is a very strong plant, often reaching the height of six or even seven feet for us; the stems are long and straight. Price, each..... **25c**

**Osaka Geisha**— (Peony-flowered)—Beautiful, but is not like the old favorite Geisha. The flower is huge and the stem long and absolutely stiff. The color is dull red and creamy yellow, the formation is unique. The long petals roll inward from the center and flatten towards the pointed edge of the petals. The front of the petals is yellow and the back dull red. Price..... **\$1.00**

**Patrick O'Mara**— (Decorative)—Pale gold, or orange buff, with a suggestion of Neyron rose at the outer edge of the petals. Robust grower with fine stems. Recommended as a cut flower because it lasts well.... **75c**

**Princess Pat**— Flowers of immense size and perfect shape, with invariably firm center; a pleasing shade of old rose, enhanced by artificial light. Each ..... **\$1.00**

**Pride of California**— (Decorative)—Dark rich crimson of pleasing form and large size. Flowers held erect on splendid stems. One of the best red decoratives for cutting. We have a splendid stock of this variety. Each ..... **50c**

**Pierre le Blonde**— (Decorative)—Many Dahlia fanciers say that this is the most beautiful and satisfactory of all decoratives. Flowers are of large size on long strong stems. Color is a deep cardinal, regularly tipped white. It attracts great attention and praise wherever exhibited.. **50c**

**Purple Manitou**— (Decorative)—Good purples are hard to find, as most of the Dahlias listed as purple have very little of that shade in them. Here is one that will not disappoint. It is a true solid purple, large and beautiful. The stems are good, the plant strong and a free bloomer. It is the very best purple decorative grown. Price..... **25c**

**Queen Elizabeth**— (Peony-flowered) — A medium sized pink flower with waved and curled petals. Stems are good, plants strong and thrifty. **50c**

**Queen Wilhelmina**— (Peony-flowered) — Immense fluffy flower of pure white, with yellow center. One of the good, old varieties. Each.. **25c**

**Pearl Ruggles**— A carmine rose suffused with pink shading lighter at tips and to white as base of petals. Extra long straight stems hold this beautiful blossom erect. Very exquisite and popular. Good for cutting and exhibition. Each..... **75c**

<b>Rosa Nell—</b>	(Decorative)—The color is clear bright rose, the flowers are large and it is one of the best shaped decorative dahlias grown, good stems and habit, but priced ridiculously low. Each.....	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Ruth Nichols—</b>	(Paeony-flowered)—An immense flower borne on a long stem. Rich, dazzling red. A leader among the reds by reason of its great size and freedom of bloom. Strong and vigorous. Each.....	<b>50c</b>
<b>Stradella—</b>	(Show)—Long stems hold the large ball-shaped blossoms well above the plant and make it a good cut flower variety. Height four feet. Price, each..	<b>25c</b>
<b>Sunbeam—</b>	(Decorative)—A large decorative of very refined form. Color bright red, the tips of each petal touched gold. Distinct and attractive.....	<b>50c</b>
<b>Sweetheart's Bouquet—</b>	(Paeony-flowered)—A new introduction and a beauty. Immense flowers of salmon rose, shaded with fawn. Beautiful by day and simply exquisite under artificial light. Fine long stems make it an ideal cut flower. Each.....	<b>50c</b>
<b>Shower of Gold—</b>	(Cactus)—Furnishes great quantities of attractive, long-stemmed cut flowers of fair size. Petals rather narrow and sharp pointed, somewhat recurved. Brilliant yellow, enriched by an apricot stain at center. Each.....	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>The Bashful Giant—</b>	(Decorative)—This is unquestionably one of the largest flowering dahlias ever produced. The blooms are excellent for exhibition where size is one of the requisites. It is also of great merit for its beautiful color, being an apricot with golden shadings. Flowers are produced on stout stems. Each.....	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>The Red Planet—</b>	(Decorative)—A very large flower carried on strong stout stems. The petals of this flower are extra broad. The color is a brick red, suffused yellow. Each.....	<b>50c</b>
<b>Tommy Atkins—</b>	(Decorative)—This might be described as flaming scarlet, so full of metallic luster that it fairly glistens in the sunshine. The customers who were tired of reds bought it on sight. Each....	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>The Doctor—</b>	A glowing and brilliant scarlet, large flower and a thrifty bush. The stems are good and the bloom is thrown well out of the heavy foliage. Each .....	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Virginia—</b>	(Decorative)—A large lavender pink on a perfect stem. A flower greatly admired in our gardens for its good stem and delicate color. Each.....	<b>25c</b>
<b>W. D'arcy Ryan—</b>	(Decorative)—A striking fancy of violet purple heavily tipped white. A characteristic of this Dahlia is that it is always tipped white. It never has a blossom on the bush of solid color like the usual fancies. Stem is good, size is large and it is free flowering. This is a Dahlia which grows more popular every season. Price, each...	<b>25c</b>

<b>Waconda</b> —	(Paeony-flowered)—A tall rank grower, producing a wealth of finely formed flowers on long stems. Color a most intense, vivid red. An early and faithful bloomer. Each.....	<b>25c</b>
<b>Washington City</b> —	(Cactus)—An immense white flower that has few, if any, equals. Flowers from six to nine inches and of purest white. Stems long and erect. One of the best varieties. Each.....	<b>\$1.00</b>

## LIST OF GLADIOLI

We are offering a few standard Gladioli again this season. These are the best varieties for cut flowers, as our selection was made with this idea in view. These bulbs are all grown from young stock and will give splendid satisfaction. Prices, 10c each; \$1.00 per dozen.

**ALICE TIPLADY**—Immense flowers of a bright orange saffron color. A very showy, magnificent flower.

**AMERICA**—One of the best gladioli in existence. The color is a beautiful flesh pink, tinged with lavender. The flowers are of the largest size, the petals are round, thick and strong, and will last a long time after being cut. A very free bloomer.

**AURORA**—Fine scarlet, very early, the earliest of all scarlets, a brilliant color which is sure to attract. The flowers are well set and five or six will open at once.

**E. J. SHAYLOR**—Tall stem, large flowers, beautiful pure deep pink, ruffled. This is an ideal pink gladioli and never fails to please. A very rich color.

**EVELYN KIRTLAND**—Flowers of strong substance. Color a beautiful shade of rosy pink, darker at the edges, fading to shell pink at the center, with scarlet blotches on lower petals, the entire flower showing a glistening, sparkling luster. Very tall spike.

**HALLEY**—A variety that is largely grown on account of its earliness. Very large, well-expanded flowers of a lovely salmon pink, the lower segments are blotched yellow with carmine markings. Robust grower.

**HERADA**—Blooms of immense size on tall, straight spikes. The color is pure mauve, glistening and clear with deeper markings in throat. An unusual color and very effective as a cut flower.

**MRS. FRANCIS KING**—A most beautiful flame pink. Immense flowers on a spike growing 4 feet high, with from 18 to 20 flowers, 6 to 8 being open at one time. A popular variety on account of its attractive color. One of the most exquisitely colored and formed gladiolus in our list.

**MRS. FRANK PENDLETON JR.**—The color is a delicately flushed salmon pink, extending to the reverse side of the petal. The blooms are wide open and are arranged individually on very wiry stems. Each flower is doubly enhanced by a rich maroon blotch on the three lower petals.

**MR. THEODORE**—Light scarlet, white blotch spotted scarlet. The flowers are large and well spaced on a long spike.

**MR. TRAUB**—Highly recommendable for cut-flower purposes. Color, finest apple blossom pink. One of the best.

**TOPAZ**—An orange gladioli, rather dwarf, but a wonderful color. It is on of the early ones and multiplies well.

## LIST OF CANNAS

Cannas are the most economical and effective plants. They bloom from early summer until frost in all sections of the country, succeeding in any sunny position in any kind of soil, but responding quickly to liberal treatment. For best results the beds should be spaded about two feet deep, and a generous amount of well-decayed manure of any kind thoroughly incorporated, and at all times freely watered. They are most effective when planted in masses of one variety, setting out the plants about two feet apart. They are also very effective when planted in mixed borders, where their long flowering season insures a constant display of color. All varieties have green foliage unless otherwise specified.

**Carmine Beauty**— Bright deep carmine flowers produced freely in large trusses well above the heavy dark green foliage. The intense coloring and freedom of blooming make it remarkably attractive. Each..... **25c**

**Cheerfulness**— Its name aptly describes the lively beauty of this charming variety. Bright fiery deep orange florets which are broadly bordered golden yellow. The large trusses are carried very erect over the massive foliage and are produced in great profusion. Each..... **25c**

**Firebird**— One of the best reds, a thrifty grower, producing an abundance of flower spikes of brilliant scarlet. Green foliage. Each..... **25c**

**King Humbert**— The grandest Canna ever offered. Large, heart-shaped leaves of purple madder brown over bronze, the dark ribs sharply defined, crowned with immense heads of Orchid-like flowers. Individual petals are of the largest size; velvety orange-scarlet flecked carmine; rose tinted at margin and base; 4 to 4½ feet. Each..... **25c**

**The Gem**— The immense trusses of flowers are borne on upright branching stems well above the foliage and are of deep cream or straw yellow color dotted with carmine; very attractive and unusually refined. 4½ feet. Each..... **25c**

**The President**— This magnificent red Canna (introduced in 1918) won the gold medal from the National Department of Horticulture; and in respect for its upstanding character, distinguished attributes and splendor, was fittingly named "The President." The flowers are immense, round, firm—often 7 inches across—of extra good quality and borne in the greatest profusion. The color is unfading, pure, glowing scarlet; foliage rich green. Of all the green leaved sorts above medium height, this is the best dark red. 4 feet. Each..... **25c**

**We do not allow our Cannas to dry out during winter, and the roots are nice and plump—ready for a quick start.**

# CULTURAL DIRECTIONS

**Soil Preparation—** Spade the soil 15 or 20 inches deep, working in about one peck of well-rotted stable manure for each plant. Prepare the ground at least one week before planting time, so that it may be well settled.

**Planting—** We find for this region about April 25 is the best time to plant. The roots should not be placed in the ground until about three weeks before the last frosts come for fear the plants will be through the ground and get nipped by the late cold nights. Dig a hole in the soil that has been previously prepared, about six inches deep, in which lay the tuber flat with the eye up. Cover with about four inches of soil, packing it well around the bulb, and as the sprout appears keep pulling the earth around it until the root is covered with six inches of soil. Dahlias should be planted two feet apart in rows that should not be closer together than four feet. Run the rows north and south if possible.

**Cultivation—** If Dahlias are grown by irrigation they should be hoed after each watering and before the ground becomes hard or crusted. The ground should be well and deeply worked until the new bulbs begin to form, after which a frequent stirring of the top soil is sufficient. When the plants reach such size as to make hoeing difficult a mulch of straw, lawn clippings, or manure will be beneficial.

**Watering—** In dry weather see that the plants get a good soaking once a week, and give sufficient water to wet the soil to the ends of the roots. Do not water often but water well. Too much water makes a brittle plant. Do not water Dahlias until the sprouts show above the ground, as water, when applied before the fibrous roots have commenced growth, sometimes rots the bulb. This is especially true when the ground is cold and the season late.

**Thinning—** Never let more than one stalk develop from each bulb. Let no side branches grow within twelve inches from the ground, and the result will be one good strong and straight plant of good height. Stake the plants securely with two four-foot stakes and tie with muslin strips or some other soft material that will not cut or hurt the stalks.

**Disbudding—** To secure the best flowers disbudding is necessary. This is done by pinching out two of every three buds. Buds appear in trios, and each of the outer ones should be removed, leaving only the center or axil bud to develop. Never let faded or imperfect flowers remain on the plant, as it takes its strength for no purpose.

**Blossoms—** To secure the best flowers for house decorations, they should be picked in the early morning before the sun strikes them.

**Keeping Cut Flowers—** (By Richard Vincent, Jr., President of the American Dahlia Society). The question is often asked by amateur gardeners: "Why did my Dahlia flowers wilt so badly and refuse to revive?"

I set them in a vase of water as soon as they are cut." Cut the flowers any time of day and if they wilt a little, so much the better. Set them in a deep dish so they will be in water up to their necks. Keep them out of drafts and when they revive they will last for days. Change the water every day, at the same time cutting off a small portion of the ends of the stems. Flowers purchased of florists have wilted and been revived, so they will not require plunging. The advice is commonly given to cut the flowers early in the day while the dew is still on them. I believe this is of no importance. I grow great quantities of Dahlias, and our cutters cut the flowers all day. Sometimes the flowers are very much wilted by the time they reach the packing shed, and these wilted flowers after we get them to recover, give the florists' customers better service than fresh cut flowers from the field. Another fad I do not believe in is putting a chemical in the water to keep the flowers fresh. At a Dahlia exhibition some years ago I selected a badly wilted Dahlia in the presence of a number of spectators, and submerged the stem in cold water for a few moments, then cutting off the end of the stem, returned it to its vase. In a few moments it appeared as fresh as when first cut.

## Care of Roots—

After the frost has killed the tops, the roots can be dug and placed in the basement. It is best to wait a few days after the tops have been entirely killed before cutting them close to the ground. An old saw is a very convenient tool for this work, and it does not leave a broken or split stalk as does a knife. After the tops have been removed the clumps may be dug at any time before the ground freezes, but as an early hard freeze sometimes comes unexpectedly it is best to get them packed away as soon as possible. Use a spading fork in loosening the clump by carefully working around the edge at least 10 inches from the stalk. Gently pry up from either side until the long roots are loosened, then lift the bulbs from the ground by using the fork as a lever with the right hand and lifting up on the stalk with the left. In this manner the whole clump and attached soil should come up and not a bulb should be spoiled. If plenty of storage room is available it would be better to leave all the soil on the roots as it is the very best protection for the neck of the bulb, which if broken either spoils the tuber entirely or weakens it until it is of little value. It is very important that the roots should be placed upside down as this permits all the sap to run out of the stalk and not settle in the base to cause rot which might extend down to the crown of the clump. Dahlias dug and stored in this manner should keep in the best condition and when dividing time comes in the spring they should be plump and full of life. In dividing the clumps be sure and get a portion of the crown or stalk with each tuber as the bud is located beyond the neck of the root and this is absolutely necessary to secure a plant.

## The Dahlia Society of Colorado—

Denver Auditorium, usually the Thursday and Friday after Labor day. All persons interested in Dahlias are urged to attend the show and see the display. Any one may stage an exhibit for a very small fee and to members of the society there is no charge. Membership dues are only \$1.00 per year for active members and much benefit may be derived by attending the monthly meetings of the society which are held on the first Monday evening of every month.

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